

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 8, 2009

Dear Mayor and County Commissioners:

As you know, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) earlier this year and President Obama signed this legislation into law in Denver in February. The ARRA is designed to help stimulate the economy by allocating federal funds for infrastructure and other job-creating projects across the country.

Some ARRA funds were directed to the states based on formulas, including nearly \$500 million that was allocated to Colorado for transportation projects. The state is working to effectively apply these formula funds for deserving projects under existing programs.

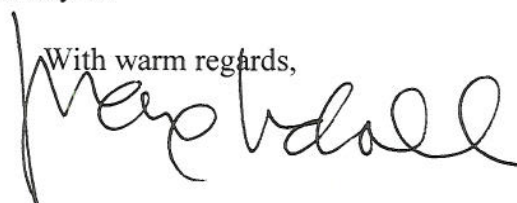
I am writing to bring to your attention a number of other funding opportunities in the ARRA that are available to states, communities, and others on a competitive or discretionary basis. These funds—such as grants and discretionary funds—are not formula-based and can only be secured through an application to the appropriate governmental agency. As an example, the ARRA allocated \$550 million to federal land agencies to address the threat of wildfire. I initiated a Congressional Delegation letter to these agencies urging that they apply these discretionary dollars to projects in Colorado. As a result, Colorado has already received a portion of these funds for forest health projects—projects that will create jobs and reduce fire threats. There is a wide array of similar discretionary and competitive grant funding opportunities in ARRA that Colorado communities should participate in.

That is why I am writing to you. I want to make sure you are aware of these opportunities (my office compiled a list of these discretionary and competitive grant funding programs attached here). You can also access this document at my website at markudall.senate.gov. Please avail yourself of this resource and let me know of any project that you plan to seek funding for under ARRA, so my office can be supportive of the application.

In addition to bringing your attention to ARRA discretionary and competitive grants funding, I am also attempting to compile a state-wide survey of project-specific needs in Colorado. I would be grateful, therefore, if you let me know what you believe to be the top federal priorities in your community. My office compiled a short survey form that I have also attached to this letter. If you or someone on your staff can return it to my office, it would help me to better understand the economic priorities you have identified and perhaps find ways to help you meet them.

Please send that completed survey—and any information regarding ARRA competitive or discretionary money that you may be interested in seeking—to me at econpriorities@markudall.senate.gov. Thank you.

With warm regards,



Mark E. Udall
United States Senator

SENATOR MARK UDALL
ECONOMIC CONCERNS AND PROJECTS SURVEY

Please identify the top 5 priorities you face involving federal funding for any projects, programs or other needs within your jurisdiction.

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Please identify or describe any changes in federal policy that you believe would help your community to promote economic recovery, create jobs and improve conditions for the constituency you serve.

ARRA GRANT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Transportation

- Grant:* *Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)*
Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.
Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already construction or are nearly ready to begin construction
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, c bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html
- Grant:* *Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants*
Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.
Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html
- Grant:* *National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants*
Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.
Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolita area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments
Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/>
http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/
- Grant:* *Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service*
Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.
Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service
Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>
<http://www.grants.gov>

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements
Amount: \$1.1 billion
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems
Amount: \$200 million
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system -- \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers -- \$50 million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS -- \$80 million, install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment -- \$20 million
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Grant: Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards
Amount: \$100 million
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Department of Transportation
Purpose: grants for investments and improvements
Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Environment (Water, Enviro Cleanup, and Army COE)

Grants: Diesel Emission Reduction Program
Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.
Type: competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs
Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>
Webform: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>

Grants: *Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust*
Amount: \$200 million
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Description: grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)

Grants: Bureau of Reclamation -- Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion

Type: grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Purpose: provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought

Website: <http://www.usbr.gov/>

Grants: Watershed Infrastructure

Amount: \$340 million

Type: grants based on priority ranking system

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Purpose: watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

Grants: Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Amount: \$1.38 billion

Type: grants

Agency: Department of Agriculture -- State Administrators

Purpose: help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Energy

Grants: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Amount: \$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.

Type: competitive grants to government entities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities

Description: Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting

residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generate electricity from renewable sources.

Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

Grants: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Amount: \$16.8 billion was included for EERE

Type: competitive grants to private sector, state and local gov'n'ts, national labs, and universities

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Programs: 10 energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/

Grants: Biomass Program

Amount: \$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass

Type: competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/biomass

Grants: Geothermal Technologies Program

Amount: \$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects

Type: competitive grants

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal

Grants: Advanced Battery Manufacturing

Amount: \$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components

Type: Competitive Grants to domestic manufacturing facilities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Activities: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

Grants: Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

Amount: \$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Type: Competitive Grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.

Activities: Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant also eligible.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

Grants: Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Type: Competitive Grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

Grants: Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Amount: \$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program.

Type: competitive grants and contracts

Office: Office of Fossil Energy

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.

Website: www.fossil.energy.gov

Grants: Physics Research Science Program

Amount: \$1.6 billion was included for the science program.

Type: competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories

Office: Office of Science
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Description: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences
Website: www.science.doe.gov
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>

Grants: *Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)*
Amount: \$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E).
Type: Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes: To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy
Website: www.energy.gov

Grants: *Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup*
Amount: \$5.127 billion
Type: awards based on priorities established by Dept. of Energy
Agency: Department of Energy
Purpose: accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities
Website: [Click here to check for sites in your state/district - -
http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN](http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN)

Grants: *Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants*
Amount: \$800 million
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grants: *Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects*
Amount: \$1.52 million
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: www.netl.doe.gov

Grants: *Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions*
Amount: \$50 million
Type: competitive grants
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>

Grants: Training of electric grid workers
Amount: \$100 million
Type: grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veteran groups, and state and local gov'n'ts
Agency: Department of Energy
Website: www.oe.energy.gov
<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>

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Housing

Grants: Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants
Amount: \$4 billion
Type: \$3 Billion States receive funding through a formula
\$1 billion was also included for competitive grants
Office: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements
Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>
HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm>
State Formulas:

Grants: Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Amount: \$2 billion
Office : Office of Community Planning and Development
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>
HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>
State Formulas:

Grants: Lead Hazard Reduction Program
Amount: \$100 million
Office: Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>
HUD Recovery <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>
State Formulas:

Grants: Native American Housing
Amount: \$510 Million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing maintained by Native American housing programs
Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: \$255 Million through a formula
\$255 Million for competitive grants
Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>
HUD Recovery State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Grants: Rural Community Facilities
Amount: \$130 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Small Business / Economic Development

Grant: *Economic Development Assistance*
Amount: \$150 million
Agency: Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
Description: Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

Grant: *Community Development Financial Institutions*
Amount: \$100 million
Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury
Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.
Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>

Job Training & Unemployment

Grants: Dislocated Worker Assistance
Amount: \$200 million
Office: Employment & Training Administration
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Type: Competitive Grants

Description: These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>

Grants: YouthBuild

Amount: \$50 million

Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Description: Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

Grants: Green Jobs Training

Amount: \$500 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

Grants: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount: \$120 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants - Nonprofits may apply

Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>

Grants: Job Corps Program

Amount: \$250 million

Office: Office of Job Corps

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.

Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

Grants: *Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers*

Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance

Type: Discretionary grants

Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>

Health

Grants: Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants
Amount: \$1.5 billion
Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees
Description: To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.
Websites: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Grants: Community Health Center Services Grants
Amount: \$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.
Office: Bureau of Primary Health Care
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees
Description: To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.
Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>

Grants: Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants
Amount: \$155 million
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration
Type: Grants Administered by Department of Health and Human Services
Description: Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.
Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>
Facilities Funded: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>

Grants: National Health Service Corps
Amount: \$300 million
Office: National Health Service Corps
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Description: To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps
Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>

Grants: Health Care Workforce
Amount: \$200 million
Office: Bureau of Health Professions
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment
Description: To provide for training of health professions
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Grants: Biomedical Research
Amount: \$8.7 billion
Office: Office of the Director
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Website: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

Grants: University Research Facilities
Amount: \$1.3 billion
Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources
Type: Competitive Grants
Purpose: To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description: Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition research equipment.
Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>

Grants: Prevention and Wellness Program
Amount: \$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.
Description: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.
Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/>
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Grants: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research
Amount: \$1.1 billion
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Type: Competitive Grants
Purpose: To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments

Description: This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ

Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Grants: Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion

Office: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Grant: Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Grant: *Indian Health Service*

Amount: \$500 million

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Director of the Indian Health Services

Type: Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian

Description: Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/>

Grant: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds

Website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge award/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/)

Public Safety

Grants: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Amount: \$210 million
Agency: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Type: Competitive Grant
Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations
Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

Grants: Byrne Competitive Grants Program
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants
Agency: \$1 billion
Office: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Agency: Department of Justice
Type: Competitive Grant
Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers
Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108>
Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>

Grants: Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Amount: \$50 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program
Type: Competitive Grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and services providers.
Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.
Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm

Grants: Rural Law Enforcement
Amount: \$125 millions

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement
Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Grants Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)
Amount: \$40 million
Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities along the Southern Border.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Child Care

Grant: Rural Community Facilities
Amount: \$130 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Type: Competitive Grants
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Education

Grant: Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Amount: \$300 million
Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education
Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts
Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement.
\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and

modernize the teaching workforce.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.

Agency: Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences

Type: Competitive Grants to States

Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.

Website: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>

Grant: Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Grants: Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Agency: National Park Service

Funding: \$15 million

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>

HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

Arts

Grants: National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants

Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Amount: \$30 million

Type: Competitive Grants (Matching requirement waived)

Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.

Website: www.nea.gov

Helpful Link: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

Telecom

Grants: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Amount: \$4.7 billion
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
Type: Competitive Grants
Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

Grants: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband
Amount: \$2.5 billion
Agency: USDA: Rural Utility Service
Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
Type: Grants and Loans
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>